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One of State's responsibilities in biographic processing was to coordinate the contributions of five different agencies for the production of the [REDACTED] series for the National Intelligence Survey (NIS) program. This responsibility was not transferred to BR in the merger referred to above but remained under the control of the Office of Basic Intelligence (OBI), the producers of the NIS. In January 1963, on the basis of recommendations by AD/CR,²⁹ concurred in by the AD/BI and endorsed by USIB in April 1963,³⁰ BR was given the responsibility for ~~producing~~ ^{developing} a program to meet this particular need.

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To replace the [REDACTED] series, BR embarked on a new

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series of Biographic Handbooks (BH), the first of which appeared in the ~~fall~~ of 1963. Loose-leaf, the Handbooks contained [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] The format of BR's regular reports was revised to enable them to be converted to BH volumes. Additional processing help was needed constantly; for this reason and to relieve the biographic analyst for research, analysis and writing, BR created in FY1964 a new employee designation "intelligence assistant."³¹

The continuing increase in quick response service requests had its impact on the processing side, as mentioned earlier. It was hoped that a modified DARE machine would provide faster document (image) input to the files. Other equipment planning to properly handle the large volume input, considerable storage and retrieval capacity requirements, included consideration of electronic data processing equipment for BR and the rest of OCR.³² As did other appropriate OCR Divisions, BR participated in many of the studies leading to the possibility of a computer-based information storage and retrieval system, ~~which was~~ ^{which was} undertaken since the AD/CR suggested in 1959 what the computer requirements in the OBI area might be. This development, including the [REDACTED] story, will be treated in Chapter XI.

* See Item no. 17, Chapter V
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